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With A Vertical Eyelet

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 & RCE**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2008, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.